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My dear Friend

Many thanks for your kind letter & for the willingness to oblige us which it evinces. Such letters as this are like a draught of water to the thirsty & weary. We have had many & grievous anxieties of late & have received sustaining & reminding when we looked back for them - & your letter & Mrs Buck's are peculiarly welcome. We & you hardly know how bitterly we grieved that article in the Anti Slavery Standard seemed to us. Never did I expect that the Anti Slavery people would abuse their honest & zealous friends. That article brought with it sleepless nights & sad hearts. We know that it is written by a Mr. Burgis - the brother of Harvey Franco. We esteem as far as I

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knows ever denied or did ever entertained thing to him. I cannot help imagining but that the enemies of that article proceed from this country - from the malicious, bad people in the Peoples Journal, who are doing all they can to ruin us entirely as the same parties have ruined many another. There is a man named Dix in this country, but in America I believe known by the name of John Dix Knapp who is a most unfortunate drunkard & blackleg who is allied with Mr. Saunders against us & who has attempted to cast a stigma on my character respecting an article on Lincoln which I sent to the Peoples Journal which I cannot get inserted in it. It is a long story but a base attempt to injure me. This man is capable of any thing. & Mr Ives, I believe, good comedian in American whom he joined the temperance cause & wrote a memoir of that good man John Gough. Since his return home he has fallen into all his former evil ways & is now deeply steeped in poverty & crime. He it is, I suspect, who has been the prime mover in this - for why should

Mr. Bayes or any of the Anti Slavery people do it? — However, a reaction is taking place in England & the next thing will be I fear that people will only do too much for us. I hope however that we shall receive their kindness with humility & gratitude as we have endeavoured to bear their unkindness & injustice with patience & forbearance.

But enough about ourselves.

I will write by this packet to Abby Kelly Foster. We should be very glad to receive the manuscript & should not like that it will please & interest the public as much as that of Garrison, Wright & Nell. We have been quite grieved to part with Mrs Fanny Wright. We only became intimately acquainted with her just before she left this country, but the little we saw of her filled our hearts completely with her. We love her much. I cannot send any thing with regard to the manuscript of mine from which he kindly allows me to draw up the short account which we have just given & which is read here with great pleasure. My only regret is that it was not published

earlier to that he himself might have had the pleasure of feeling the effect of it in his own person. There is a something about this higher & better class of Americans which is indescribably attractive to one. They are very dissimilar to any English people we know but I think he will be as good as they many. I often try to analyze this difference & discover in what it consists. My present opinion is that it arises from a more simple & natural mode of life - as well as a more fearless & unreserved expression of the Christian doctrine of love. You see some American countenances that touch every heart like beautiful music, lovely pictures. I know that they are men & women that I cannot help but love - What many are Americans because by education & birth & join cause to this beautiful enlivening & invigorating spirit which is more powerfully among them than any other country whatever! -

Farewell dear friend. William desires kind regards - Believe me yours devotedly

W. Howitt

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